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United States Patent [19]**Torgerson et al.**[11] **Patent Number:** **5,820,589**[45] **Date of Patent:** **Oct. 13, 1998**[54] **IMPLANTABLE NON-INVASIVE RATE-ADJUSTABLE PUMP**

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In accordance with the present invention, an implantable pump is programmed non-invasively by means of a programmer that communicates flow rate information by means of radio frequency telemetry or other methods of non-invasive telemetry. The programmer also supplies power to the implantable pump during programming. The implanted rate-adjustable pump that receives rate information and power by telemetry preferably does not include a battery or any other type of internal power supply, relying only on the energy obtained from the programmer through telemetry.

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